

# Just Flawless

LiLu Interiors helps a couple create their dream home.

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**J**ane had one specific request before she and her husband, Frank, dove headlong into the purchase of their home on a Minnesota lake: "I wanted there to be a view of the water from every room in the house," she says.

It wasn't easy to find. The two college professors scoured the Twin Cities for a couple years in search of the perfect lakefront address. Eventually they found an idyllic locale nestled along a wooded shoreline that was still close to the city. But the house itself didn't fit their style.

"We were looking for a more modern, cleaner look," Jane says of the circa-1984 residence. "Still, we could tell that with some remodeling, the house would offer the space and function we wanted."

Knowing this would be where they eventually retired, the empty nesters wanted to get it right the first time. So they partnered with LiLu Interiors and SALA Architects to design their dream home.

It didn't take long for the firms to come up with a design solution. LiLu went to work creating a muted backdrop throughout the home's 4,200 square feet, while SALA opened up the floor plan to invite in even more stunning lake views.





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“We used a simple and understated palette of materials, colors and textures that lets their family heirlooms and other treasured belongings be the center of attention,” says interior designer Lisa Peck of LiLu Interiors.

Architect Bryan Anderson was happy to bring LiLu into the project. “The result is a collective sense of casual elegance throughout the house that transcends its 1984 shell,” he says.

When the final touches were completed 10 months later, the couple got everything they wanted — and so much more. “There is no way we could have done this without them,” says Jane. “Everything is just flawless.” **AL**

**custom creations** The kitchen cabinets are custom-designed to the homeowners’ specifications: “I wanted six-inch-deep drawers, and the design team made it happen,” says Jane.

**center stage** Built-ins and bookcases throughout the home showcase collectibles that had been in boxes for years.